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SUBJ: SIILASVUO'S MARCH 25 TRIP TO LEBANON

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SUMMARY: BOUTROS URGED UNIFIL TO GO TO TYRE, NABATIYA,
HASBAYYA AND BEAUFORT CASTLE. SIILASVUO SAID UN PREPARED
TO STAY IN TYRE BUT WOULD NOT HAVE FORCES TO GO BEYOND
LITANI. GOL UNWILLING REQUEST ADF ADVANCE TO LITANI. ALSO
UNABLE GIVE FIRM DATE ON ARRIVAL LEBANESE ARMY OR POLICE IN
SOUTH. AGREED TO SEND LEBANESE ELEMENT TO UN TEMPORARY
HQ AT NAQOURA. WILL STUDY REINTEGRATION OF HADDAD'S FORCES
IN LEBANESE ARMY. END SUMMARY

1. SIILASVUO HAD RATHER HURRIED MEETING MARCH 25 WITH
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BOURTROS AND KHOURY. BOUTROS URGED UNIFIL TAKE UP POSITIONS
IN TYRE, NABATIYA, HASBAYYA AND BEAUFORT CASTLE (SAME
REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE BY GUR TO UN MARCH 24). NOTING ACCORDING
TO SYG'S REPORT TO SC, UNIFIL'S AREA OF OPERATIONS IS TO BE
DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH GOL, SIILASVUO STATED UNIFIL
WAS ALREADY IN TYRE. WHILE REMAINDER OF REQUEST WAS
TECHNICALLY WITHIN TERMS OF SYG'S REPORT, FACT WAS UNIFIL

WAS JUST NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO CROSS LITANI AS WELL AS OCCUPY AREAS BETWEEN LITANI AND BORDER BEING EVACUATED BY IDF. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FORCES WOULD REOPEN WHOLE QUESTION OF MANDATE.

2. SIILASVUO PRESSED FOR DATE WHEN LEBANESE ARMY AND POLICE UNITS WOULD ARRIVE IN SOUTH. BOUTROS AND KHOURY VAGUELY MENTIONED TWO OR THREE WEEKS. SIILASVUO REFERRED TO EARLIER CONVERSATION ABOUT A PROMISE OF THREE LEBANESE BATTALIONS AND SAID HE STRONGLY HOPED TO HAVE SOME LEBANESE UNITS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON BY MARCH 31 AT THE LATEST. (HE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS, BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC.)

3. SIILASVUO NOTED DESIRABILITY OF SYRIAN UNITS OF ADF ADVANCING TO LITANI. HE ASKED IF HE COULD INFORM KHADDAM THAT THIS WAS A REQUEST OF GOL. BOUTROS REPLIED, "NO."

4. SIILASVUO CITED NUMEROUS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS THAT REQUIRED SOME KIND OF CONTINUING DIRECT GOL - GOI CONTACT. BOUTROS SAID THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, LEBANESE AGREED TO SUGGESTION THEY SEND OFFICERS TO UN TEMPORARY HQ IN NAQUORA WHERE IDF WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT UNDER UN UMBRELLA.

5. AT GUR'S URGING, SIILASVUO SUGGESTED HADDAD'S FORCES BE REINTEGRATED INTO LEBANESE ARMY. BOUTROS AND KHOURY AGREED

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TO CONSIDER MATTER. AS FOR HADDAD, LEBANESE SAID HE PRESENTED SPECIAL PROBLEM AND GOL WOULD WANT TO KNOW WHY HE BEHAVED AS HE HAD, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD HE ACTED UNDER DURESS.

6. LEBANESE ALSO SHOWED GREAT CONCERN OVER RETURN OF REFUGEES TO SOUTH. AT SIILASVUO'S URGING THEY AGREED TO A SECOND MEETING WITH IDF AND PROMISED TO COME EQUIPPED WITH SPECIFIC PLANS AND BETTER ESTIMATES AS TO NUMBERS.

7. COMMENT: SIILASVUO FULLY SHARES OUR DESIRE (REFTEL) THAT GOL ASSUME AS MUCH RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS, CHRISTIANS AND OTHER PERSONS IN SOUTH LEBANON AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS LEBANESE ON THIS POINT, BUT HE IS NOT SANGUINE GOL IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ARMY AND POLICE UNITS IN ANY SIZE VERY SOON. SYRIANS ALSO INDICATED SKEPTICISM ON THIS POINT (SEPTTEL.) APPARENTLY, NEITHER LEBANESE NOR SIILASVUO RAISED PLO.

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